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SUBJ: CCD: POTPOURRI OF CCD ATTITUDES

1. CASUAL CONVERSATIONS AS WELL AS STATEMENTS MADE DURING SCHEDULED CCD MEETINGS HAVE GIVEN US SOME INSIGHTS ON ATTITUDES OF VARIOUS DELEGATIONS ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE CCD WHICH WE REPORT AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES.

2. CW AND CTB: PRACTICALLY ALL TALK ABOUT CW AND CTB HAS CENTERED ON PROSPECTS FOR GETTING THESE SUBJECTS INTO THE CCD FOR NEGOTIATIONS; THERE HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NO DISCUSSION OF ISSUES SUCH AS VERIFICATION PROBLEMS, PNES, ETC. EXCEPT AT WESTERN GROUP MEETINGS. GENERAL FEELING IS CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT CTB IS THE MORE DIFFICULT OF THE TWO SUBJECTS TO GET TO THE FLOOR OF THE CCD. BUT MANY DELS HOLD THE VIEW THAT A CW CONVENTION WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE IN THE MULTILATERAL FORUM SINCE THE POTENTIAL TO PRODUCE CHEMICAL WEAPONS IS MORE SIDESPREAD THAN NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES AND MORE NATIONS WILL THUS BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED. CERTAIN DELS INCLUDING WESTERN GROUP, ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT POSSIBILITIES

OF US AND USSR ACHIEVING JOINT INITIATIVE ON CW BEFORE END OF YEAR AND EVEN LESS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CTB. HOWEVER, US DELOFF WAS TOLD BY SWEDISH AMB HAMILTON THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM HUNGARIAN AMB DOMOKOS THAT THERE WAS GOOD CHANCE THAT JOINT INITIATIVE ON CW WOULD BE POSSIBLE BY END OF SUMMER SESSION. SWEDES PRESUMED THAT DOMOKOS WOULD NOT BE SPEAKING WITHOUT POMPTING BY SOVS AND ASSUME THAT SOVS ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF US PROPOSAL ON CW. (THIS IS FIRST SUGGESTION WE HAVE HAD FROM ANY EASTERN REPRESENTATIVE THAT AGREEMENT ON CW MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IN NEAR TERM).

3. SWEDES CONTINUE PRESSING FOR EARLY CCD ACTION ON THESE ISSUES, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY DURING SUMMER SESSION. AT JULY 28. PLENARY SWEDISH REP, MRS. THORSSON, MADE IMROMPTU INTERVENTION IN WHICH SHE SAID SHE WAS PLEASED THAT NUCLEAR POWERS WERE DISCUSSING HIGHEST PRIORITY ISSUES AND THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GET A CTB NEGOTIATION UNDERWAY IN THE CCD BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR.

4. POSSIBLE FALL-WINTER SESSION OF CCD: AS AN OUTGROWTH OF SWEDISH INTEREST IN COMPLETION OF WORK ON CTB AND CW TREATIES PRIOR TO THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD), SWEDES HAVE BEEN MAKING SOUNDINGS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A FALL/WINTER SESSION OF THE CCD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF DISARMAMENT DEBATE IN THE UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE. REACTIONS AMONG OTHER DELS  
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HAVE VARIED BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT SUCH A SESSION WOULD BE WORTHWHILE IF A BASIS WERE TO DEVELOP FOR BEGINNING SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS IN THE COMMITTEE. AS NOTED ABOVE, MANY DELS ARE SKEPTICAL THAT THIS WILL OCCUR. NEVERTHELESS, SWEDISH DELEGATION HAS NOW RECOMMENDED TO STOCKHOLM THAT GOS MAKE DEMARCHE TO SELECTED COUNTRIES TO GET REACTIONS TO POSSIBILITY OF ADVANCING COMMENCEMENT OF FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE (WHICH WE NOW UNDERSTAND TO BE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 19) BY A COUPLE OF WEEKS IN ORDER TO LEAVE ROOM FOR A POSSIBLE FALL CCD SESSION. THERE HAS BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION IN THE CCD THUS FAR AND SWEDES SEEM TO BE PUSHING THIS INITIATIVE ENTIRELY ON THEIR OWN. AN ALTERNATIVE TO MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER TERMINATION OF FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE WOULD BE TO ADVANCE CCD'S SPRING SESSION TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE NEW YEAR. PROBLEM HERE IS THAT IN SMALLER DELEGATIONS SOME, IF NOT ALL, MEMBERS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN SSOD PREPCOM ANTICIPATED FOR JANUARY. NEVERTHELESS, MANY DELS BELIEVE THAT AN EARLY START TO THE SPRING SESSION WOULD BE LESS INCONVENIENCING THAN A SEPARATE SESSION IN THE FALL.

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5. CO-CHAIRMANSHIP: DISSATISFACTION WITH CO-CHAIRMANSHIP  
LIES JUST BENEATH SURFACE IN GENERAL EXPRESSIONS  
OF FRUSTRATION WITH LACK OF ACTIVITY IN CCD. IN  
PRIVATE CONVERSATION CANADIAN DEPUTY REP, (WHOSE VIEWS  
ARE NOT TYPICAL OF WESTERN GROUP) WONDERED ALOUD WHY THE  
US WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, WHICH  
IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING A BURR UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S  
SADDLE, WHEN IT IS OF SUCH LITTLE REAL VALUE TO THE US.  
IN CONVERSATION WITH US REP, MRS. THORSSON ALSO REMARKED  
ON THE DECLINING VALUE OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. HOWEVER,  
SOV REP LIKHACHEV HAS SHOWN EXTRAORDINARY SENSITIVITY TO ANY  
CHALLENGES TO CO-CHAIRMEN PREROGATIVES OR TO CONTINUATION  
OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AS AN INSTITUTION. IN CCD PLENARY  
JULY 28. HE TOOK UMBRAGE AT A PASSAGE IN COMMUNIQUE  
SUMMARIZING REMARKS OF YUGOSLAVIAN AMBASSADOR HICH NOTED  
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YUGOSLAV STATEMENT THAT WORK PROGRAM PRESSED ON COMMITTEE BY

CO-CHAIRMEN HAD MINIMIZED POSSIBILITY THAT CCD COULD DO ANYTHING USEFUL THIS SESSION. SOV REP REGARDED THIS STATEMENT AS A PERSONAL ATTACK ON HIM AND HIS COUNTRY AND INSISTED THAT LANGUAGE OF COMMUNIQUE BE MODIFIED TO DELETE REFERENCE TO CO-CHAIRMEN AND TO INDICATE THAT CCD AS A WHOLE HAD ADOPTED WORK PROGRAM. LIKHACHEV HAS ALSO DISPLAYED IN PRIVATE GREAT ANTI-PATHY TOWARD MEXICAN REP GARCIA ROBLES WHOM HE SEES AS NUMBER ONE ENEMY OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.

6. FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN CCD: WESTERN DELS CONTINUE TO MENTION PROSPECT OF FRENCH PARTICIPATION FROM TIME TO TIME BUT HAVE NO INFORMATION BEYOND THAT WHICH WAS CURRENT AT TIME OF BREZHNEV VISIT TO PARIS. SOME BELIEVE THAT FRENCH PARTICIPATION WILL BE A POLITICAL DECISION WHICH CAN ONLY BE TAKEN WHEN AND IF A NEW GOVERNMENT COMES TO POWER IN FRANCE. ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT, AGAIN EXPRESSED BY CANADIANS, IS THE FRENCH WILL NEVER MAKE FIRST MOVE AND THAT A PRIOR CONDITION TO THEIR TAKING THEIR SEAT WOULD BE ABOLISHING THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. THIS VIEW HOLDS THAT CO-CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD BE ABOLISHED WITHOUT ANY QUID PRO QUO FROM THE FRENCH ALLOWING THEM TO MAKE THEIR DECISION WHEN IT SUITS THEM. NON-ALIGNED HAVE NOT EXHIBITED MUCH INTEREST THUS FAR IN QUESTION OF FRENCH MEMBERSHIP AND SOVIETS HAVE NEVER RAISED SUBJECT WITH US. VANDEN HEUVEL

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